

CALL FOR PAPERS

We would like to invite you to contribute your paper for consideration and publication in the forthcoming India Infrastructure Report (IIR) 2011, the tenth in the series of IIRs.

The IIR is the outcome of collaborative efforts of academics, researchers and experts, and is considered extremely useful by policy makers. It receives wide publicity and provides an excellent forum for scholars and practitioners to share their views with decision makers.

The theme proposed for the forthcoming IIR 2011 is '*Path to achieve water resource security and sustainability in India*'.

Papers may address one or more of the following areas:

Situation analysis

- * Studies assessing current and future water situation in India
- * Water – climate change nexus and implications for the future

Issues in upstream water resource management

- * Challenges in water resource management – upstream (economics, technology, political economy, interstate/local conflicts and rights issues)
- * Equity (economic and geographical) and financing issues in upstream water resource management
- * Evaluation of policies aimed at upstream water resource management, emerging issues and a suggested road map for addressing upstream water resource issues

Issues in downstream water resource management

- * Issues in downstream (municipal, rural systems, industrial) water resource access and usage practices
- * Issues in financing and delivery of water services (inefficiencies - pricing, regulatory, governance, benchmarking/baseline data, reasons for low investment by the private and public sector, problems in market based finance in water sector)

Models for water resource security and sustainability

- * Technological, regulatory and economic alternatives for achieving water security and sustainability (water conservation, recycle and reuse, incentives - tying them in the context of National Water Mission)
 - Integrating sustainable water resource management in city planning practices
 - Unlocking the potential of private sector in delivering water services

- * Alternatives for improving water service delivery and examples thereof
- * International experiences in achieving water resource security and sustainability
- * Water valuation mechanism and their applicability to India

Any other issues considered relevant within the proposed theme mentioned above.

May we request you to kindly submit an abstract (maximum 500 words) by 30th September 2010, briefly outlining the questions that the paper is trying to address, area that the paper addresses and the structure that the paper would adopt. Abstracts will be evaluated by the editors of IIR 2011 and the authors will be informed of acceptance/suggested modification or rejection by mid-October 2010.

The complete paper will be due by 17th December 2010. The paper should not exceed 6000 words, including abstract, figures, tables and bibliography. The papers should clearly articulate the implications of the findings from a policy perspective and give recommendations. The papers will undergo peer review process and may be edited by editors, so as to flow coherently with the rest of the report chapters. Authors may have to edit their submitted papers based on the reviewers'/editors' comments. Principal authors of accepted papers will be invited to a Writers' Workshop in January 2011 and assistance for domestic air travel/lodging may be provided.

Final accepted papers will be published in the IIR 2011 and the authors will be provided a small honorarium after the publication of the IIR 2011 as a token of appreciation for their contribution.

Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts: 30th September 2010

Announcement of results of submitted abstracts: mid-October 2010

Submission of the paper: 17th December 2010

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